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SUBJECT:PROPOSED SAUDI TRANSFER OF HOWITZERS TO YEMEN

REF: JIDDA 8093 (NOTAL)

1. REFTTEL TRANSMITTED FORMAL SAG REQUEST THAT USG APPROVE PROPOSED TRANSFER TO YARG OF 12 105MM HOWITZERS OBTAINED FROM USG UNDER AUTHORITY OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT, AS AMENDED (FMSA). REQUEST NOTED THAT HOWITZERS ARE NOW IN YAR BUT REMAIN UNDER OWNERSHIP OF SAG. (UNDER FMSA, CHANGE IN POSSESSION IS SUFFICIENT TO CONSTITUTE QUOTE TRANSFER UNQUOTE WITHIN MEANING OF STATUTE AND CONTRACT OF SALE. ACCORDINGLY, HOWITZERS MUST ALSO REMAIN UNDER CONTROL OF SAG UNTIL USG FINAL APPROVAL OF TRANSFER IS OBTAINED.) AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 3(A) OF FMSA, WE HAVE NOTIFIED CONGRESS (CLASSIFYING THE DETAILS TO MEET SAUDI CONFIDENTIAL

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REQUEST FOR SECRECY) THAT WE INTEND TO APPROVE THE TRANS-

ACTION. SECTION 3(A) ALSO REQUIRES THAT PRESIDENT NOT
CONSENT TO THIRD-PARTY TRANSFERS OF SIGNIFICANT DEFENSE
ITEMS (UNLESS ITEMS CONCERNED ARE FIRST DEMILITARIZED)
UNTIL THE PROPOSED RECIPIENT COUNTRY PROVIDES IN WRITING
TO THE USG A COMMITMENT THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE
EQUIPMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE PRESIDENT'S CONSENT.
WITH LATTER REQUIREMENT IN MIND, EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST
APPROPRIATE YARG AUTHORITIES TO SUBMIT TO YOU BY DIPLO-
MATIC NOTE FOLLOWING STANDARD TEXT THAT USG UTILIZES
WORLDWIDE:

2. QUOTE: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS
THE HONOR TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY THE
PROPOSED RECEIPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YEMEN
ARAB REPUBLIC OF TWELVE 105 MILLIMETER HOWITZERS FROM THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC UNDERSTANDS
THAT SINCE THESE HOWITZERS WERE SOLD TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY
SALES PROCEDURES, THE CONSUMMATION OF THIS TRANSACTION
IS DEPENDENT UPON THE RECEIPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA OF WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE TRANS-
ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND FURTHER
UNDERSTANDS THAT IN KEEPING WITH UNITED STATES LAW AND
REGULATIONS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY GIVE SUCH
CONSENT ONLY UPON BEING FURNISHED WITH ASSURANCES FROM
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC THAT IT WILL NOT
TRANSFER BY ANY MEANS SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER
COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT
FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC HEREBY GIVES ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT
WILL NOT TRANSFER THE HOWITZERS WHICH IT PROPOSES TO
RECEIVE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI
ARABIA BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN,
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CONVEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT,
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST
OBTAINING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT (FORMAL CLOSE) UNQUOTE.

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